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1. On 11 February 1952, 22 JS-3 tanks, [redacted] were loaded at the Naumburg main railroad station. The tanks came from the direction of Weissenfels. Seven AT guns were said to have been loaded at the Naumburg-east railroad station at the same time. An artillery unit was allegedly entrained there during the night of 16 February. (1)

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2. Troop movements at Wittenberg and troop concentrations in the Zahna-Buelzig-Zoernigall-Kuelso area were observed between 15 and 20 February. Troops arriving there from the direction of Jueterbog included:

18 February. Troops on 100 to 120 trucks [redacted]

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19 February. Troops on 120 to 150 trucks [redacted]

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20 February. Troops on 100 to 120 trucks [redacted]

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The trucks carried a total of about 5,000 troops and ammunition, and towed an undetermined number of artillery pieces. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and moved from the direction of Jueterbog to the area east of Wittenberg. JS tanks [redacted] were parked in the woods south of Buelzig on 20 February. (2)

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3. On 16 February, 2 armored scout cars, 2 sidecar motorcycles, T-34 tanks [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Halle railroad station. The escorting personnel, of undetermined strength, wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

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4. Troops, who subsequently boarded nine boxcars, started loading 16 x 57-mm AT guns, 30 to 32 trucks, and 1 jeep on an undetermined number of flatcars at the Luckenwalde freight yard at 8 a.m. on 17 February. The train had not left by nightfall.

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5. On 17 February, 14 medium tanks [redacted] were seen driving into the barracks installation at Weissenfels. They came from the direction of Naumburg. (1)

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6. On 17 February, a troop train of 14 boxcars and about 30 flatcars was loaded with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, artillery pieces, trucks and field kitchens at the Cottbus railroad station. The troops came from the Sachsenhof Kaserne and were bound for Weisswasser. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) [redacted] It appears that tank battalions of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels started a rotation program in early February 1952. In connection with this program, troops went to Naumburg for entraining and returned to Weissenfels via Naumburg after a few days. It is believed that these units went to the Kindel troop training grounds for tank firing practice. [redacted]

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(2) [redacted] indicate that all units belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div which probably conducted a winter exercise between Wittenberg and Jueterbog. [redacted] estimates of troops and vehicles indicate that about half of the division was involved in the exercise.

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(3) The unit which, [redacted] belongs to the 21st Gds Mecz Div, probably moved from Halle to the Kindel troop training grounds for field exercises. Compare with [redacted] Comment 1.

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(4) [redacted] a component of the 9th Mecz Div was on the train.

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